

Mary (Luke 1:26-35)(37)(2:19)

Many people do a put on a pedestal for the wrong reasons. Some people are called stars or celebrities because they look a certain way, say a certain thing, or act a certain way. Not because of who they really are. Mary is a great example of this. Many religions put Mary on a high pedestal and even go so far as to pray to or worship Mary. But the Bible knows nothing of such a practice. However it would do us good to look at this highly favored young woman, and take from her example some very important lessons that we can endeavor to live out.

I. Mary was Useable - Although

Mary was a person a sinner just like you and me, yet she was a virtuous woman. When the angel said that she was going to have a baby, she said this is impossible, she had never been married or known a man. She tried to do what the Bible said when it came to life + marriage. Now I don't think any of you are marrying age, yet do you try to be goodly. God can use anybody. But God seeketh

II. Mary was flexible - She was betrothed to Joseph. Legally binding. All the plans have been made and this angel

shows up and changes the plans. Not every-
thing goes as plan. Preacher was preach
on the Star one Christmas. Every letter of STAR
held by child. RATS. Not everything goes to
plan. But Mary knew that God was working
in the middle of her confusion. His purposes
be flexible. Rom 8:28 ^{all things work together} And we know that all

III. Mary was Believing - Vs 45 -

When the angel told Mary these
things, she didn't instantly have a big
old pregnant belly. She simply took the
angel at his word. Do you know what
faith is? Faith is taking God at his
word. Heb 11:6 But w/o faith it is impos-
sible to please "God". Before there was
ever a sign that what God said came to
pass, she took God at his word. Do you have Faith?

IV. Mary was Thankful - (46-50)

This is called the Magnificat - Mary was thanking and praising the Lord. Notice she called God my saviour. With her own life she is saying that I am a sinner in need of a saviour. She is saying thank you Lord for looking down and being merciful to someone as low as me. We all could be more thankful to God.

V. Close -

Mary was not a God or queen or celebrity - a little lonely, resent girl who God graciously used. He can use